

## § 1503.201

an inspection or investigation of a violation of a TSA requirement, including copies of any relevant evidence.

*Mail* includes regular First Class U.S. mail service, U.S. certified mail, or U.S. registered mail.

*Party* means the respondent or TSA.

*Personal delivery* includes hand-delivery or use of a contract or express messenger service, including an overnight express courier service. *Personal delivery* does not include the use of Government interoffice mail service.

*Pleading* means a complaint, an answer, motion and any amendment of these documents permitted under this subpart as well as any other written submission to the ALJ or a party during the course of the hearing proceedings.

*Properly addressed* means a document that shows an address contained in agency records, a residential, business, or other address submitted by a person on any document provided under this part, or any other address obtained by other reasonable and available means.

*Public transportation agency* means a publicly owned operator of public transportation eligible to receive Federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53.

*Respondent* means the person named in a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty, a Final Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty and Order, or a complaint.

*TSA decision maker* means the Administrator, acting in the capacity of the decision maker on appeal, or any person to whom the Administrator has delegated the Administrator's decision-making authority in a civil penalty action. As used in this part, the *TSA decision maker* is the official authorized to issue a final decision and order of the Administrator in a civil penalty action.

### Subpart C—Investigative Procedures

#### § 1503.201 Reports of violations.

(a) Any person who knows of a violation of a TSA requirement should report it to appropriate personnel of any TSA office.

(b) TSA will review each report made under this section, together with any

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other information TSA may have that is relevant to the matter reported, to determine the appropriate response, including additional investigation or administrative or legal enforcement action.

#### § 1503.203 Investigations.

(a) *General*. The Administrator, or a designated official, may conduct investigations, hold hearings, issue subpoenas, require the production of relevant documents, records, and property, and take evidence and depositions.

(b) *Delegation of authority*. For the purpose of investigating alleged violations of a TSA requirement, the Administrator's authority may be exercised by the agency's various offices for matters within their respective areas for all routine investigations. When the compulsory processes of 49 U.S.C. 46104 are invoked, the Administrator's authority has been delegated to the Chief Counsel, each Deputy Chief Counsel, and in consultation with the Office of Chief Counsel, the Assistant Administrator for Security Operations, the Assistant Administrator for Transportation Sector Network Management, the Assistant Administrator for Inspections, the Assistant Administrator for Law Enforcement/Director of the Federal Air Marshal Service, each Special Agent in Charge, and each Federal Security Director.

#### § 1503.205 Records, documents, and reports.

Each record, document, and report that regulations issued by the Transportation Security Administration require to be maintained, exhibited, or submitted to the Administrator may be used in any investigation conducted by the Administrator; and, except to the extent the use may be specifically limited or prohibited by the section that imposes the requirement, the records, documents, and reports may be used in any civil penalty action or other legal proceeding.